(d) whetser Government have any proposal to repeal the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Though some complaints have been received regarding misuse of the Act, it is not correct to say that the Act has been blindly misused by the Government and the Police.

(d) All aspects, including the issues arising out of the Supreme Court Judgement on TADA, are under examination of the Government.

Jurisdicion of the Delhi Regional Pass-Post Office

*57. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jurisdiction of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi has been extended;

(b) if so, the names of the additional areas covered under this extension;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to ensure that this extension does not lower the efficiency and potentiality of this office;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to extend the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Offices in Southern India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The jurisdiction of the Regional Passport Office at Delhi has been extended, with effect from 13 February 1995, to include the districts of Meerut and Ghaziabad in U.P. and the districts of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Rohtak and Sonepat in Haryana.

The Staff deployment at the Regional Passport Office in Delhi is adequate to meet the increased workload which would result from the additions of these six districts from U.P. and Haryana.

No such proposal for extension of jurisdiction of the offices in the Southern region is presently pending with Government.

Fire in ONGC Oil rig off Andhra Pradesh Coast

*58. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREM J. JHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC oil rig off Andhra Pradesh Coast was gutted after blowout on January 8, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the causes and the reasons for this blow-out; if so, what is the outcome of this enquiry;

(d) what is the extent of loss suffered as a result of this blow-out;

(e) what are the details of the compensation given to the persons affected by this incident; and

(f) whether the oil well and the rig have been restored to proper working position; if not, what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a result of a sudden uncontrolled gushing of natural gas under high pressure the well caught fire.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Enquiry Committee has submitted its report to ONGC and is under examination. In the

meantime, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has also instituted a one-man Enquiry Committee to appraise and to go into the findings of the Enquiry Committee.

(d) The exent of loss is being assessed.

(e) The people evacuated from the affected villages were housed in 6 relief camps. So far ONGC have deposited Rs. 55.50 lakhs with the District Administration for meeting the entire expenditure for running the relief camps. In addition to provision of food and medicine, the inmates of the camps were given cloths and blankets.

(f) The rig deployed in the well has been damaged. The fire was extinguished on 10-03-1995 with the help of water and explosives.

तेल और गैस का उत्पादन

*59. श्री त्रिभुवनभाई हरिपाई शुक्ल: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान सरकार का विचार देश के किन-किन क्षेत्रों में तेल की खोज करने का है ;

(ख) इस समय देश में तेल और गैस का प्रतिदिन कितना-कितना उत्पादन हो रहा है और उत्पादन की तुलना में राज्य-वार घरेलू खपत की वास्तविक मांग कितनी है; और

(ग) वर्ष के अन्त तक तेल और गैस का प्रतिदिन कितना-कितना उत्पादन होने का अनुमान है, और इस संबंध में क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टेन सतीश शर्मा): (क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान आयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कारपोरेशन आयल इंडिया लि० ने देश के अंतर्गत भूमि पर कैम्बे, राजस्थान, ऊपरी असम, असम-अराकान, कच्छ-सौराष्ट्र, बंगाल, कृष्णा गोदावरी, कावेरी, हिमालय के तराई क्षेत्र तथा गंगा घाटी और दक्षिण रीवा के तलछटी बसिनों में और पश्चिमी एवं पूर्वी अपतटीय क्षेत्रों में हाइड्रोकार्बन अन्वेषण किए हैं/करने की योजना है।

(ख) वर्तमान में आयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कारपोरेशन तथा आयल इंडिया लिमिटेड के प्रतिदिन औसत कच्चे तेल एवं गैस उत्पादन संबंधी परियोजना/राज्यवार ब्यौरे (अप्रैल, 1994 जनवरी, 1995 के) दौरान वास्तविक उत्पादन पर आधारित निम्नवत हैं:—

ओ. एन. जी. सी. :

परियोजना / राज्य	तेल उत्पादन (टी०पी०डी०)	गैस उत्पादन (एम०एम० एस०सी०एम० डी)
पश्चिमी अपतट (महाराष्ट्र तट के निकट)	54534	39.66
गुजरात	17083	6.58
असम और नागालैण्ड	6021	1.40
तमिलनाडु	1044	0.26
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	105	1.67
पूर्वी अपतट (आन्ध्र तट के निकट)	630	0.06
त्रिपुरा	—	0.25
योग (ओ.एन.जी.सी.)	79417	49.88